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I am writing to comment on what is a seriously flawed "settlement" in this Case.

In its current form, this "Settlement" is a giveaway to Microsoft, with flimsy, avoidable 'penalties' of no substance whatsoever..it's LOADED with loopholes.

Microsoft deserves REAL punishment. I propose three options here:

1. Microsoft must be forced to divulge to the world at large its specs, current and future, for its ".DOC" file format, the one used to create documents in Microsoft WORD..its famous wordprocessor.
2. Microsoft must allow and and ALL Computer Manufacturers whom it licenses to sell its Operating System..the freedom to have SOME machines preloaded with The Other Guy's Product..be it Linux, FreeBSD, IBM's OS/2, or Netware. Certainly Microsoft will be given its normal Licensing rights via the Computer Maker, regarding how its OWN products are installed, etc..but if the Maker has other machines with a competing Operating System on it? Tough if Microsoft doesn't like it. Give our Computer makers some freedom!
3. Any future 'security lapses' TIABLE TO A MICROSOFT SECURITY FLAW should cost them heavily in fines and forced punitive corrective-measures.

Thanks for listening.

Very Truly Yours,
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